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Government of Madras.

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No. 28. Read the following letter from H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Commissioner of Tanjúr; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 18th February 1860, No. 791.

Paragraph 1. Referring to the intimation conveyed to me in the Order of Government, dated the 14th instant, No. 80, that I am strictly to act up to the instructions with which I have been furnished.

2. I have the honor to request you will inform me what may be the wishes of the Government in respect of the disposal of the English and French single and double barrelled fowling pieces and pistols specified in the enclosed* list.

* *Enclosure No.* 1.

3. As it has been authoritatively declared that every thing which belonged to the late Rájá at the time of his death, now belongs by right to the Government, it has been my impression that the arrangements should proceed in which Mr. Forbes had made much progress, but which were stopped by the injunction of the Supreme Court. And in this belief, I have recently communicated with Messrs. Ashton, Richardson and Co., in the terms of the accompanying letter,* in view to securing for the articles in question such early sale as will save the Tanjúr family, or the Government, as the case may be, from the loss consequent on the further deterioration of the guns and pistols.

* *Enclosure No.* 2.

4. I resolve, however, now to pause and recall my step, lest the measure be not approved. Mr. Forbes had the sale of these articles in contemplation and at the visit of the Governor to Tanjúr a few days ago, I think I understood His Excellency to remark that this course should be taken, care being had not to glut the Madras market. Since then, I have had every gun and pistol cleaned and cleared of rust. Their boxes are corded and packed ready for despatch to Madras, and it is obvious that, if left here as they hitherto have been, they will resume at no long period the condition from which they have just passed.

5. They are not modern fowling pieces and personally I should be sorry to venture on saying I would give one hundred Rupees for them all round. The best are two very handsome sister double barrelled guns,* a rifle† to match, and a brace of pistols‡ by Joseph Manton, made expressly for the late Rájá and fitted up in a princely style. These I have not thought of forwarding to the Presidency. They are retained for the Tanjúr Museum and Library which His Excellency the Governor expressed himself desirous of establishing here. But even these have lost their original value owing to their locks being on the old flint principle.

* *Nos.* 15 & 16.
† *No.* 14.
‡ *Nos.* 1 & 2.

6. In another department which I have not yet had time fully to examine, there are many other double barrelled fowling pieces without cases or paraphernalia of any kind. They are chiefly French and are sadly injured by exposure in a damp spot during the last $3\frac{1}{2}$ years. These will be even less marketable than those which I have examined and about which I wrote to Messrs. Ashton, Richardson and Co. But, assuming that they will now fetch 20 Rupees a piece they will not realise half that sum a year hence.

7. As the Government may infer, *here* there is no chance of a market being found. Still, whether the articles are eventually to be regarded as strictly Government property, or as property from which the Tanjúr family are to derive a benefit, I submit that to allow it to remain liable to daily increasing deterioration, seems inexpedient.

From H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Commissioner of Tanjore; to Messrs. ASHTON, RICHARDSON, and Co., Madras, dated 4th February 1860, No. 740.

I have this day despatched to your address on bullock carts, the pistols and fowling pieces mentioned in the annexed list and shall feel obliged by your making arrangements for their disposal by private or public sale, as to you may seem most desirable, with reference to the present state of the market.

2. You will observe that some of the articles are by good makers; yet, being flint pieces I fear they are not likely to meet the taste or wants of the public. Still, real Joe and John Manton and Lancaster barrels and locks are worth buying for conversion into detonators by the application of new breechings, and I should hope, that, with this opening available for purchasers, you will be able to get fair prices for them.

3. The articles were the property of the late Raja of Tanjúr and the sale proceeds are intended to be applied to the future benefit of the relatives and dependents of His Highness. Your advertisement in regard to the sale should therefore be framed accordingly, with a view to avoiding the erroneous impression which might otherwise be created, that the sale is one in which the Government have an interest.

4. As there will be ample time for communication with me before the sale, I shall be obliged by your sending to me by post, prior to its publication, a draft of the heading of the advertisement you may think of publishing.

5. It will not be worth while to detail in the advertisement, the particulars of sundry articles belonging to each gun and pistol, as given in my official list; but a statement of the maker's names may be advisable, in a consecutive form.

6. As the guns have already suffered to a certain extent by being left unused for years, I do not consider it will be attended with any sufficient advantage that you, too, should keep them in your hands, in the hope of receiving, by Commission sales, the sums you may deem them worth. It will be better to have an out-right auction sale and thus save the further deteriorations they are likely to undergo by detention in the damp atmosphere of Madras. But on this point, I shall be glad to receive your opinion when the carts have reached your premises.

7. For convenience of account, I have retained on the cases, the numbers affixed to them by my predecessor. You will, however, observe that there are fifty-one fowling pieces and guns and 11 cases of pistols of kinds.

Arms found deposited in the Yasvant Mahal.

PISTOLS.

1. A pair of flint double barrelled duelling pistols in mahogany case with spare locks, no key, with numerous sundries, complete, made to order by Joseph Manton, the barrels and locks inlaid with gold.
2. A pair of detonating double barrelled pistols by Charles Lancaster, with swivel ramrods in mahogany case, no key, spare locks, fourteen sundry articles, complete in all respects and made to order, being richly inlaid with gold.
3. A pair of flint single barrelled pistols by R. R. Sutherland, in mahogany case, no key, profusely inlaid with gold, and parts covered with gold plates, sixteen sundry articles.
4. A pair of silver mounted pocket size single rifle barrelled detonating pistols by R. S. Clark, London, in an inlaid, with ivory, rosewood case, no key, with powder flask, nipple turner and screw driver in one with handle, brass oil holder, bullet mould, small barrel for spare nipples.
5. A pair of double barrelled flint duelling pistols with swivel ramrods, in mahogany case, no key, by T. Mortimer, with six articles.
6. A pair of double barrelled flint lock duelling pistols with swivel ramrods by Thos. Manton, in mahogany case, without key, containing a powder flask, bullet mould, two turn screws, a cleaning rod with loading head and a lock spring vice.
7. A pair of rifle barrelled detonating duelling pistols by Thomas Manton in mahogany case, no key, with three spare nipples and eight sundry articles.
8. A pair of double barrelled flint duelling pistols with swivel ramrods by Mortimer, in mahogany case, no key, and six sundry articles.

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9. Two pairs of duelling flint lock pistols with swivel ramrods by E. Bond, London, in a mahogany case, without key, with bullet mould, brush, powder flask, turn screw, broken hammer and bullet mould.
10. Two pairs of flint duelling pistols in mahogany case, lid broken, no key, by Wageton and Burton, London, with four sundry articles.
11. A pair of brass single barrelled flint pistols with spring bayonet by Knightley, London, in mahogany case, no key, and cleaning rod.
12. A pair of duelling flint pistols by Tatham and Eggin, mahogany case, no key, and seven sundry articles.
13. A pair of brass single barrelled flint duelling pistols, maker not known, one lock injured, in a mahogany case, no key, and two sundry articles.

Rifles and Fowling pieces.

14. A double barrelled flint rifle by Joseph Manton in mahogany case, no key, made to order, richly inlaid with gold, spare locks, and every necessary complete. A companion to No. 7, a pair of pistols.
15. A smooth bore gun in case, by Joseph Manton, made to order to match in all respect, No. 14 and pistols No 1, complete.
16. A sister piece to No. 15, no key.
17. A double barrelled flint gun by Mortimer, London, the barrels and locks plated with gold, two diamonds fixed one on stock and one on barrel as sight, in a mahogany case, no key, and ten miscellaneous articles.
18. A double barrelled flint gun by Bounet, Versailles, barrels inlaid with gold and lock carved, in mahogany case, no key, and eleven sundry articles.
19. A single barrelled flint blunderbuss of small bore and size, the barrel and stock very richly inlaid and plated with silver and silver gilt, by H. W. Mortimer, London, in a mahogany case, with key and nine sundry articles.
20. A single barrelled flint gun by Nock, the barrel inlaid with gold and the stock with much silver, in a mahogany case, no key and nine sundry articles.
21. A very large bore single barrelled detonator gun, by John Manton, in mahogany case, no key and nineteen sundry articles.
22. A double barrelled flint rifle, large bore, by Parker Holborn, in mahogany case, no key, with eight sundry articles.
23. A double barrelled rifle, and doubled barrelled gun detonator on one stock, by Brooks, London, in mahogany case, with key and six sundries.
24. A sister gun to No. 23 in a similar case with powder flask, bullet mould, wad cutter, powder charger, sponge, screw driver, nipple screw, oil holder, and shot belt.
25. A double barrelled detonating, smooth bore and double barrelled rifle, on a single stock, by Wood and Sons, St. James Street, London, in mahogany case, with powder flask, oil holder, nipple screw, bullet mould, wad cutter, bullet driver, and sponge.
26. A double barrelled gun by L. Reaucheux, Paris, in a bird's eye maple wood case, no key, with numerous sundries, complete.
27. A double barrelled flint gun by Mortimer, London, in mahogany case, with key and one sundry article, *viz.*, a powder flask.
28. A double barrelled flint gun by Wilson French, in oak case, no key, with brush, turn screw, powder flask, large vice, double shot belt, and cleaning rod.
29. A double barrelled detonator gun by Fréron and Co., Paris, in mahogany case, no key, and five sundry articles.
30. A double barrelled detonator gun by T. Reid, London, in mahogany case, with key, two spare nipples, a box of caps, powder flask and three sundry articles.

31. A double barrelled tube detonator gun by Joseph Manton, in mahogany case, without key and fourteen sundry articles.

31½. A stock and flint locks &c., by Joseph Manton, adapted to the barrels of No. 31 above, in mahogany case with key.

32. A double barrelled detonating gun, by Wood and Sons in a mahogany case, with key, and eleven sundry articles.

33. A double barrelled detonator rifle, by Horney, Plymouth, in mahogany case, no key, powder flask, cleaning rod, spare ramrod, loading bullet, turn screw and wadding cutter.

34. A double barrelled detonator gun, by Rabone, Brothers and Co., in mahogany case, with key, and nine sundry articles.

35. A double barrelled very short detonating gun, by W. H. Mortimer, with spring bayonet along the sight, in a mahogany case, no key, and thirteen sundry articles little used.

36. A double barrelled detonator gun by Swallow, London, in mahogany case, no key, with seven sundry articles.

37. A single barrelled, altered from flint to detonator, gun, in oak case, by Pegler, Southampton, no key, and five sundry articles.

38. A revolving six barrelled detonating rifle by Wilkinson and Son, London, in mahogany case, no key, with wad cutter, sponge, turn screw, nipple screw, bullet mould and lead boiler.

39. A double barrelled detonating gun by John Manton and Son, in mahogany case, no key, and ten sundry articles.

40. A single barrelled flint gun by Joseph Manton, in oak case, with cleaning rod, in leather case, powder flask, brush and spare lock screw.

41. A double barrelled flint rifle by Joseph Manton, in mahogany case, with key and twelve sundry articles.

42. A double barrelled flint gun by Manton in mahogany case, with key, three sundry articles.

43. A double barrelled flint gun of large bore, by Horton Salop, in Mahogany case, no key, locks in pieces, in two tin boxes and five sundry articles.

44. A double barrelled flint gun by Joseph Manton, in mahogany box with key and nine sundry articles.

45. A double barrelled flint gun by Joseph Manton, in mahogany case, no key, and twelve sundry articles.

46. A double barrelled detonator gun by Chas. Lancaster, in mahogany case, no key and seventeen sundry articles including two spare locks.

47. A flint gun by Mortimer, London, of large bore, one barrel being a rifle, the other smooth, in a mahogany case, with key, scarcely ever used apparently, twelve sundry articles.

48. A double barrelled gun, detonator, by Nock, in a deal case with key, and four sundry articles.

49. A double barrelled flint gun, by W. Smith, Princes Street, Hay Market, in mahogany case, no key, and eight sundry articles.

50. A double barrelled detonator gun by Manton, in mahogany case, with key and fifteen sundry articles.

51. A double barrelled flint gun, in oak case, by Harcourt, no key, with four sundry articles.

52. A double barrelled, altered from flint detonator, gun, by Nock, London, in mahogany case, no key, with five sundry articles.

53. A double barrelled detonator gun by Fréron, Paris, in oak case, no key and three sundry articles.

54. A single barrelled rifle by Needham and Co, London, in oak case, no key, with powder flask, and sixteen sundry articles.

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55. A double barrelled detonator gun by W. Wood and Sons, St. James Street, London, in mahogany case, no key, and nineteen sundry articles.

56. A double barrelled flint gun by Nock, in mahogany case, with key, and four sundry articles.

57. A single barrelled flint gun by Richards and Sons, in mahogany case, with key.

58. A single barrelled flint gun by Wilson, in mahogany case, with key, and two sundry articles.

59. A double barrelled flint rifle by T. Mortimer, London, in oak case, with key, and two sundry articles.

60. A double barrelled flint gun, by Joseph Manton, in mahogany case, with key and ten sundry articles.

61. A double barrelled detonating gun, without maker's name, French apparently, in mahogany case, with key and three sundry articles.

62. A walking stick single barrel detonator gun, by Lacy, London, with movable stock.

63. A ditto without stock.

64. A brass air gun, in country wood case, without key, and two sundry articles.

65. A brass air gun, in country wood case, no key, and two sundry articles.

66. A double barrelled detonating gun, maker not known in a linen cover.

(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS,
Commissioner.

No. 29. ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1860, No. 106.

The Government are of opinion that the guns and pistols, the property of the late Rajah of Tanjore, should not be sold for the present. The Commissioner will retain them at Tanjore until further orders and will take measures for their being cleaned, kept in a dry place and properly looked after.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Jamaica Commissioners Office
4th February 1860

From
H. D. Phillips Esquire
Commissioner
&c

To
Messrs Ashton Richardson & Co.
Liverpool

Gentlemen

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2 You will observe that some of the articles are by good makers, such being flint pieces, I fear they are not likely to meet the taste or wants of the public: Still, real Joe and John Manton and Lancaster barrels and locks are worth the buying for conversion into detonators by the application of new breeching; and I should hope, that, with this opening available for purchasers, you will be able to get fair prices for them.

The Carts were not seen to start till 11 o'clock from the Office from the time I enclose

3. The articles were the property of the late Raja of Tanjore and the sale proceeds are intended to be applied to the future benefit of the relatives and dependants of His Highness. Government in regard to the sale should therefore be framed accordingly with a view to avoiding the extraneous impression which might otherwise be created, that the sale is one in which the Government have an interest.

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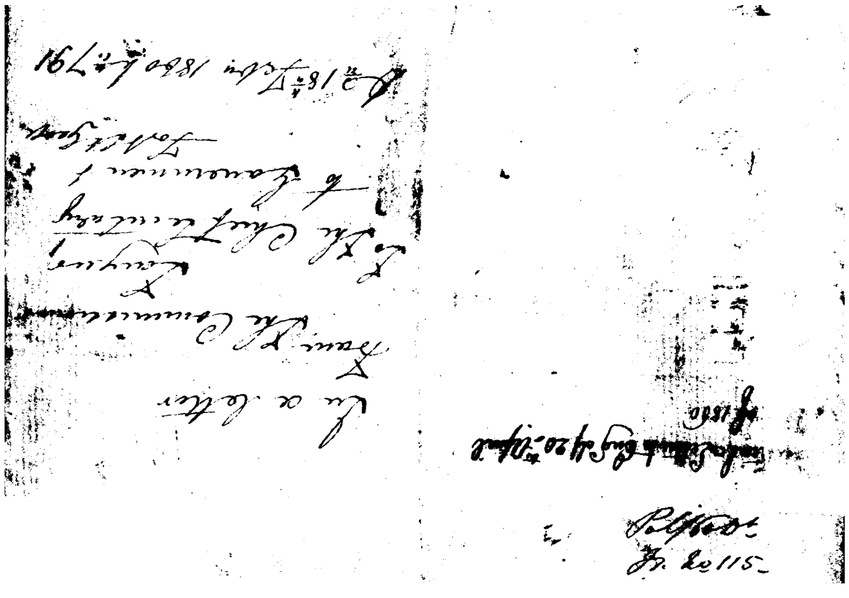
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I have &c.
(Signed) H. D. Phillips
Commissioner.

(True Copy)

A. D. Lindsay
Commissioner.



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part of Mr. Arnold's [illegible]

22d. I request that Lord Shaftesbury be sent to Madras
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of - I should therefore expect an account of your
[illegible] being put up to auction, while he took
[illegible] dealing with the late Royal personal pro-
perty & still under seizure - In fact Mr
Phillips's proposal has surprised me, for in his
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a hope, unless I am mistaken, that the [illegible]
[illegible] a Jubilee sale [illegible] be avoided -
Does that [illegible] in the beginning of Para 3
accord with the defence made by Govt to
Hamilton's Lawyer's suit?

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Commissioner of Tanjore

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From The Commissioner
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To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George

Dated 18th February 1860
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Requesting orders as to the mode of disposing of certain floating pieces and pivots which he now had in contemplation to send for public sale to the Presidency.

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William Oakes
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